

# 25.2 Pronoun and Antecedent Agreement (Four Special Problems) • Practice 2

**Exercise 1** **Correcting Special Problems in Pronoun Agreement.** Write the word or words from parentheses that more clearly complete each sentence.

**EXAMPLE:** The defendant was shocked when the judge read the verdict. (they, the judge)

1. Going to a big city all alone often makes \_\_\_\_\_ feel more responsible. (you, a young person)
2. Why did \_\_\_\_\_ show that movie in the middle of the night? (they, the station)
3. William was very angry with Jonathan, but no one knew what \_\_\_\_\_ had said. (he, William)
4. Take the books from the shelves and dust \_\_\_\_\_ with a clean cloth. (them, the shelves)
5. In camp they expect \_\_\_\_\_ to rise early and exercise. (you, everyone)
6. The catalog says that \_\_\_\_\_ must pay all fees by May. (you, students)
7. He ate everything on his plate but did not even thank us for \_\_\_\_\_. (it, the meal)
8. I liked the match, but \_\_\_\_\_ were rude. (they, the players)
9. Debby gave Rita the news right after \_\_\_\_\_ arrived. (she, Rita)
10. The phone call frightened her because \_\_\_\_\_ hung up. (they, the anonymous caller)

**Exercise 2** **More Work With Special Problems in Pronoun Agreement.** Rewrite each sentence, correcting the error in pronoun agreement.

**EXAMPLE:** The road was dangerous because they had not yet cleared the snow.

The road was dangerous because it had not yet been cleared of snow.

1. When Mother shops for my sister, she is very pleased.  
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2. The brochure says that you must be eighteen to enlist.  
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3. A student must learn that homework is important to them.  
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4. The captain gave orders to the troops. Each man quickly took up his post. An hour later he checked to see that all was well.  
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5. After forgetting her lines in the show, my sister did not want to try it again.  
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